

PROPOSAL OF CONTRACTORS

Agree to Allow Eight-Hour Day But Must Decide Subject of Wages.

ALL MECHANICS NOT EQUAL

Carpenters Union Will Meet This Evening to Consider Proposal for Settlement of Present Strike.

The contractors' association of the city has put the carpenters' union up against a pretty hard proposition. The contractors say they are willing to concede the strikers an eight-hour day, but they want the carpenters to agree that the contractors may have the right to classify wages according to the worth of the men.

The contractors held their meeting yesterday afternoon. The proposal was drawn up and signed by the seven firms doing business here, and later in the day the proposition was submitted to Secretary Souden, of the carpenters' union. An effort was made to get the union men together for a meeting last night, but this was found impossible. A call was issued for a meeting tonight, and the union will then make reply to the contractors. The proposal sent to the union yesterday is as follows:

The Contractors' Proposal.

"Astoria, April 5.—To the Carpenters' Union of Astoria—Gentlemen: After carefully considering the question at issue, we, the undersigned contractors of Astoria, have decided to grant you an eight-hour day, but retain the right to classify the wages according to what we consider each man is worth.

"If you will look at this matter in an impartial light, you will see that there are mechanics who are worth a great deal more than others, and we deem it no more than justice to ourselves and all concerned that we be the judges as to the wages each man shall receive. We have no objection to paying good mechanics \$3 per day, or any greater amount that we might consider they are worth, but we do object to paying others the same wages who can only do one-half as much work.

"This rule prevails, both in Portland and in San Francisco. Very respectfully,

"FERGUSON & HOUSTON,
"J. W. SURPRENANT,
"WILSON BROS.,
"L. HARTWIG,
"WILLIAM MILLER,
"J. A. FASTABEND,
"C. G. PALMBERG."
A Hard Proposition.

"This is a hard proposition for us to wrestle with," said the union's representative last evening. "On the face of it, this offer of the contractors would seem to be fair, but it nevertheless raises a mooted question that involves one very prominent feature of trades unionism. Until the union meets tomorrow night to discuss the proposal I would not like to express my personal views. The contractors' overtures open up a new phase of the question, and it must be carefully considered before our reply is made.

"While I am willing to admit that some union men are worth more than others, it is not clear to me that the union can grant this request. The foundation of unionism is the equality of union men, and if any such concessions were made by us our organization might be weakened. Mind you, I do not say we will not agree to the proposal. To this question, like all others, there are two sides, and I will acknowledge that the contractors are quite correct in saying all men are not of equal value to them. But it's a deep problem, and I would not care to predict the action of the union.

Carpenters Are Sanguine.

"I have been told the contractors had decided upon this proposal, and that, if the union failed to accept it, non-union men would be imported. As to this, I can say we are not to be frightened with any such bluffs. We know quite as well as the contractors that building can not continue in this city except by union men. This is the case for two reasons: First, that there are not enough non-union carpenters available; and, secondly, because the city is too strongly unionized to permit of non-union building.

"We have all the best of the situation, but at the same time we want to be reasonable. We entertain full regard for the rights of the contractors and we do not want to be guilty of any act of unfairness. If we believe the

contractors' proposal is just, we will accept it; if we determine that acceptance would be in conflict with our interests, we will reject it. It is our intention to consider this matter from the viewpoint of the mutual interests of both sides, and our decision will be just as fair as fair men can make it."

NOTICE TO UNION CARPENTERS.

All members of local No. 917, Carpenters and Joiners of America, are requested to meet at 7 o'clock this (Wednesday) evening at the residence of Adolf Johnson for the purpose of considering the proposal submitted by the contractors of the city looking to settlement of the strike.

THOMAS SOUDEN, Secretary.

VALUABLE TAPESTRIES SOLD.

John R. McLean Purchaser of Series of Old-Time Fabrics.

New York, April 5.—Probably the largest single sale of tapestries on record in this country has just been reported here. John R. McLean of Washington and Cincinnati, was the purchaser. For approximately \$100,000 he has secured a series of 17th century pieces formerly in the Barberini palace. Cardinal Barberini was a devoted admirer of tapestries and had looms of his own. This series was woven for him in Rome from designs by the Romanelli, a famous artist. All the tapestries are in excellent condition, woven in light colors, and so large that few private houses have the wall space necessary for their display. They were brought from Italy some years ago, having been sold to a resident of Washington by Princess Barberini.

Baseball Scores.

Oakland—Oakland 4, Portland 3.
Fresno—Tacoma 2, San Francisco 1.
Los Angeles—Los Angeles 4, Seattle 0.

PLEASURE PARTY DROWNED.

Members of Methodist College Lose Their Lives Near Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., April 5.—Five persons, all members of a pleasure party from the Florida Methodist college at Sutherland on the west coast gulf, 30 miles west of Tampa, were drowned near the Ancote lighthouse last night.

The dead are: Mrs. Walker, wife of the president of the college; Miss O'Connor, Miss Slaughter, Miss McRay and Mrs. Boulard.

Three of the bodies were washed ashore and recovered.

President Walker of the college had taken the party out for a cruise to the lighthouse, but met with rough water, and the boat was overturned.

TRY TO DYNAMITE MILL.

Charge of Deadly Explosive Found at Everett Plant.

Everett, April 5.—A charge of dynamite, ready for deadly work, was found this morning placed in the Muckilteo mill, so as to blow into atoms a number of Japanese employed there. The plot is supposed to be the outcome of bitter feeling existing in the ranks of organized labor against the Japanese entering the field of wage earners in Snohomish county.

INDICTED MAN RELEASED.

Dan J. Tarpley Charged With Land Frauds Furnishes Bond.

Portland, April 5.—New developments in regard to land frauds came to light this morning in the United States court, when Dan J. Tarpley, of Salem, waived arraignment on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of land, and was released on \$4,000 bond.

The indictment of Tarpley is in connection with the investigation of the doings of the timber land ring, which operated in Lane and Linn counties.

Sale of Liner Confirmed.

Hamburg, April 4.—The Boersenhalle now confirms the sale of the Hammarck to a foreign power. It was reported from Hamburg March 4, that the Fuerst Bismarck, a twin steamer of 3,326 tons register, had been sold to Russia. The Boersenhalle at the time denied the report.

Secretary Dover Pleased.

New York, April 5.—Elmer Dover, City will receive \$5,000 under the will publican national convention, who has been here since last Friday, will start today with Mrs. Dover, for Thomasville, Ga. He expressed entire satisfaction over the arrangements for the national convention in Chicago.

Bishop Gets \$5000.

New York, April 5.—Right Rev. Abel Leonard, bishop of Salt Lake City, will receive \$5,000 under the will of Charlotte A. Mount, who died at her home last week, leaving property worth three quarters of a million. The bequest to Bishop Leonard is to be devoted to the purchase of ground for church purposes.

SEA BREEZE SAFEGUARD

Were It Not for That Garbage Piles in City Would Cause Epidemics.

CREMATORY BADLY NEEDED

Dumping Ground Would Hardly Be Improvement Over Present Conditions—Councilmen Getting Serious.

The discussion of the unsanitary condition of the Third ward before the council Monday night demonstrated to a nicety that some provision must be immediately made to dispose of the filth and garbage which accumulate in the two ends of the city. All of the members of the council agreed that the east end would have to be cleaned up, and immediately cleaned up, but it was not clear to members just how the council could require this action on the part of the east enders.

"I am fully aware of the extent to which some of the people of the Third ward jeopardize the health of the people of the entire city," said Mr. Morton, chairman of the committee on health and police. "But how is my committee to make an effective order that the east end be cleaned? Suppose I should go to those persons who maintain stock ranches on their lots and notify them to have the filth carted away; what will I say to them when they ask me where the accumulations shall be placed?"

"Why, tell them to take the stuff to the city dumping ground," said Mayor Surprenant.

The mayor's remark evoked a momentary laugh, and then the councilmen looked serious. It dawned upon them that the effort to get the dumping ground had been a failure. Without a dumping ground, the council is helpless in the matter, and members realized that they have a big job on their hands.

It is evident that there is but one solution of this problem, and that is the construction of a crematory. A dumping ground would doubtless prove more of a nuisance and menace to health than the unclean premises to which the attention of the council has been called, and people will not permit the city to establish a dumping ground in the neighborhood in which they are interested. A crematory could be conducted without menacing the health of the people, and there seems to be no other way of settling the filth question.

The eastern portion of the city is not alone unsanitary. In almost every block in the entire city conditions are permitted to exist which would not be tolerated in any other civilized community for an hour. As physicians have frequently pointed out, were it not for the antiseptic ozone which blows in from the ocean Astoria would be subject to the most appalling epidemics of disease. The council must solve the problem, and in order to abolish the menace provision must be made to dispose of the filth accumulations and the health laws must be rigidly enforced.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident is related by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Charles Rogers', druggist.

"Spider" Welch Knocked Out.

Salt Lake, April 5.—"Battling" Neilson of Chicago practically knocked out "Spider" Welch of San Francisco in the 16th round of a 20-round go at the Salt Palace tonight, the referee stopping the fight when the San Francisco boy was helpless and all but out.

Victories Evenly Divided.

Milwaukee, April 5.—Returns from municipal elections in Wisconsin, outside of Milwaukee, up to midnight show republicans and democrat victories to be about evenly divided.

Morgan Not Yet Speechless.

Washington, April 6.—The senate today listened to a two hours' speech by Morgan on the Panama canal question

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and then again took up the postoffice appropriation bill, but adjourned without completing its consideration. The amendment was agreed to increasing from two to four ounces the size of franked letters, and another adding 25 members to the force of rural free delivery agents.

The World's Fair Route.

Those anticipating an eastern trip, or a visit to the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, cannot afford to overlook the advantages offered by the Missouri Pacific Railway, which, on account of its various routes and gateways, has been appropriately named "The World's Fair Route."

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SATISFIED WITH PARKER.

Grover Cleveland Pleased at Effort to Nominate New York Judge.

New York, April 5.—In a dispatch from Princeton, N. J., to the World ex-President Cleveland is quoted as finding the movement looking to the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker for the presidency, the "greatest possible relief and satisfaction."

Lone Bandit Robs Stage.

Kalispell, Mont., April 5.—The mail stage running between Holt and Big Fork was held up and robbed by a lone bandit last night, whom the driver states he recognized as Joe Bush. The sheriff has started after him. Bush has a bad record in that vicinity.

Army Y. M. C. A. Work.

Washington, April 5.—The secretary of war has directed that permission be granted to the Army Young Men's Christian Association to establish its work at various army posts in the United States and Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Botkin Case Preceeds.

San Francisco, April 5.—The taking of testimony was concluded today and argument was begun in the trial of Mrs. Botkin on the charge of killing Mrs. J. P. Dunning. The case will probably go to the jury Thursday.

No Action by Defense.

St. Louis, Mo., April 5.—A bill of exceptions in the case of Senator Burton was not filed in the United States district court by the defense, but it is probable that it will be tomorrow.

Folk Will Not Accept.

Kansas City, Mo., April 5.—Joseph W. Folk stated tonight that he would not accept the democratic nomination for vice president of the United States if it were offered to him.

A WOMAN TO BE PRETTY

Must Have Luxuriant and Glossy Hair, No Matter What Color.

The finest contour of a female face, the sweetest smile of a female mouth, loses something if the head is crowned with scant hair. Scant and falling hair, it is now known, is caused by a parasite that burrows into the scalp to the root of the hair, where it saps the vitality. The little white scales the germ throws up in burrowing are called dandruff. To cure dandruff permanently, then, and to stop falling hair, that germ must be killed. Newbro's Herpicide, an entirely new result of the chemical laboratory, destroys the dandruff germ, and, of course, stops the falling hair, and prevents baldness. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c, in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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